

WHEN PROOF ISN'T ENOUGH

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Sadly, most people don't care about evidence; all they want is someone to agree with their world view. Believing in God is not the same as obeying God... sticking to beliefs that are doctrinally weak, or denying scriptural signs, will fail those seeking eternal life. God has always offered scriptural support and backed it up with evidence. The choices we make in faith, determine the opportunities God can work with.

Which of the great religions around the world can regularly provide God given signs and proof of their beliefs? Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Judaism, Buddhism?

Jesus reveals basic salvation prophecy. LUK 4:17 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias (Isaiah). And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, **18** The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, **19** To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. **20** And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. **21** And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears. **22** And all bare him witness, and **wondered** (*admired and marvelled*) at the **gracious** words (*of spiritual blessing*) which proceeded out of his mouth. *Despite performing all of his prophecies and countless miracles... the priests had him killed.*

Despite being rejected and murdered by the priests... God confirmed the words of his Son, so that the New Covenant could be introduced.

Even more proof after His death. JOH 19:30 When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, **It is finished:** and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost. *The old covenant was completed... with more signs.*

MAT 27:50 Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. **51** And, behold, the **veil** of the temple was **rent in twain** from the top to the bottom; and the **earth did quake**, and the **rocks rent**;

MAR 15:33 And when the sixth hour was come, there was **darkness** over the whole land until the ninth hour.

The bible is very clear on what happened on the day of Pentecost and the same power and signs would be available to the end of the age... till Christ's return.

Even more predicted signs occur. ACT 2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with **one accord** (*in unity*) in one place. **2** And **suddenly** (*surprisingly*) there came a **sound** (*tongues*) from **heaven** (*from God*) **as of** (*sounding like*) a rushing mighty **wind**, and it **filled all** the house where they were **sitting** (*all who were there received the same blessing*). **3** And there **appeared** unto them **cloven tongues** (*divided languages*) **like as of** fire, and it **sat** upon each of them. **4** And they were **all filled with the Holy Ghost**, and **began** to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. *The 'ands' don't describe one event after another, rather they reveal the baptism of the Holy Spirit: the wind and fire metaphors have been used before.*

LUK 3:16 I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh... he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with **fire**:

JOH 3:8 The **wind** bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: **so is every one** that is born of the Spirit. *The next verses are the quoted prophecy with added clarifications for a clearer understanding to be made... there are other truths here as well.*

This event also prophesied in 835BC. ACT 2:16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; **17** And it shall come to pass in the **last days** (*New Testament period*), saith God, **I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh** (*every person, both men and women... not just men and not just the Jews only... Gentiles also received the Holy Spirit, beginning in Acts 10&11*): and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy (*the spiritual revelations and powers were available to all offspring, not just the priestly tribe of Levi*), and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams (*the old and young men were not allowed to serve as priests... the age limits would be removed*): **18** And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: *All of God's power would be available for all.*

Despite the accuracy of the prophecy and the signs clearly on display, many will reject the truth, preferring their religious errors and perceived freedoms.

Another prophecy on the same topic. ISA 28:11 For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. **12** To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the **weary to rest**; and this is the **refreshing**: yet they **would not hear**. *Another prophecy with signs and proof that would be rejected by those claiming to serve God.* **1COR 14:21** In the law it is written, With men of other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people; and yet for all that will they not hear me, saith the Lord. **22** Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe. *Paul reveals the right context and applies it to the whole church age.*

This following prophecy is full of signs and wonders, but it will be too late to act when it becomes evident.

Lord's return coming to a place near you very soon. 2PET 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a **great noise**, and the elements shall melt with **fervent heat**, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. **11** Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

We are equipped with signs, miracles and wonders... God wants us to use these with the wisdom and knowledge he has given us; to save those who might listen.

Judgment starts on the household of God (us). 1PET 4:17 For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that **obey not** the gospel of God? *The priests rejected Jesus despite all the proof... giving freedom to a murderer instead. God rejected them and will also reject the current leaders who corrupt the truth with powerless doctrines of another murderer (Satan).*